WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for delivering a message to a receiving party, comprising:

receiving a message intended for the receiving party;

determining whether the message should be delivered to the receiving party;

converting the message to an audible message when the message should be delivered to the receiving party;

initiating a telephony call to the receiving party; and

delivering the audible message to the receiving party during the telephony call.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

obtaining user profile data that identifies at least one criterion for when messages should be delivered to the receiving party.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the user profile data includes data identifying at least one of a message source, a message type, a message priority, and a message content.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the determining whether the message should be delivered includes:

testing the message against the user profile data, and

determining that the message should be delivered when the message passes the test.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving a message includes:

monitoring a message server for arrival of new messages intended for the receiving party.

6.   The method of claim 5, wherein the monitoring a message server includes:

periodically checking the message server for new messages.

7.   The method of claim 5, wherein the monitoring a message server includes:

receiving a notification from the message server whenever a new message arrives.

8.   The method of claim 1, wherein the converting the message includes:

translating the message from a source format to message text.

9.   The method of claim 8, wherein the converting the message further includes:

translating the message text into an audible message.

10.   The method of claim 8, wherein the converting the message further includes:

creating an envelope from at least one of a From, To, Subject, and Date header fields corresponding to the message.

11.   The method of claim 10, wherein the converting the message further includes:

translating the message text and the envelope into an audible message.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein the converting the message further includes:

translating one or more message attachments into attachment text.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the converting the message further includes:

translating the message text and attachment text into an audible message.

14. The method of claim 8, wherein the converting the message further includes:

determining whether one or more message attachments are convertible into text, and

generating a description of the one or more message attachments when the one or more

message attachments are not convertible into text.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the converting the message further includes:

translating the message text and the generated description into an audible message.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein the initiating a telephony call includes:

determining whether the telephony call reaches the receiving party, and

retrying the telephony call a predetermined number of times if the telephony call fails to

reach the receiving party.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the initiating a telephony call includes:

determining whether the telephony call reaches the receiving party, and

initiating a second telephony call to an alternate telephone number if the telephony call

fails to reach the receiving party.

18.   The method of claim 1, wherein the delivering the audible message includes:

authenticating the receiving party based on at least one of a user identifier, a personal

identification number, and a password, and

transmitting the audible message to the receiving party after successful authentication of

the receiving party.

19.   A system for presenting a message to a receiving party, comprising:

means for obtaining a user profile corresponding to the receiving party;

means for obtaining a message intended for the receiving party;

means for testing the message against the user profile;

means for converting the message to an audible message when the message passes the

test;

means for initiating a telephony call to the receiving party; and

means for presenting the audible message to the receiving party during the telephony call.

20.   A message delivery system, comprising:

a message receiver configured to:

obtain a message intended for a receiving party,

determine whether the message should be delivered to the receiving party, and

convert the message from a source format to a target format when the message

should be delivered to the receiving party; and

a call processor configured to:

convert the message from the target format to an audible format,

initiate a telephony call to the receiving party, and

deliver the message in the audible format to the receiving party during the

telephony call.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the target format is a text format.

22. The system of claim 20, further comprising:

a service setup device configured to obtain user profile data that identifies at least one

criterion indicating when messages should be delivered to the receiving party.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein the user profile data includes data identifying at

least one of a message source, a message type, a message priority, and a message content.

24. The system of claim 22, wherein when determining whether the message should

be delivered, the message receiver is configured to:

test the message against the user profile data, and

determine that the message should be delivered when the message passes the test.

25. The system of claim 20, wherein when obtaining a message, the message receiver is configured to:

monitor a message server for arrival of new messages intended for the receiving party.

26. The system of claim 25, wherein when monitoring a message server, the message receiver is configured to:

periodically check the message server for new messages.

27. The system of claim 25, wherein when monitoring a message server, the message receiver is configured to:

receive a notification from the message server whenever a new message arrives.

28. The system of claim 20, wherein when converting the message, the message receiver is configured to:

create an envelope from at least one of a From, To, Subject, and Date header fields corresponding to the message.

29.	The system of claim 28, wherein when converting the message, the call processor is configured to:

translate the envelope into the audible format.

30.	The system of claim 20, wherein when converting the message, the message receiver is configured to:

translate one or more message attachments into attachment text.

31.	The system of claim 30, wherein when converting the message, the call processor is configured to:

translate the attachment text into the audible format.

32.	The system of claim 20, wherein when converting the message, the message receiver is configured to:

determine whether one or more message attachments are convertible into the target format, and

generate a description of the one or more message attachments when the one or more message attachments are not convertible into the target format.

33.	The system of claim 32, wherein when converting the message, the call processor is configured to:

translate the generated description into the audible format.

34.   The system of claim 20, wherein when initiating a telephony call, the call

processor is configured to:

determine whether the telephony call fails, and

retry the telephony call a predetermined number of times if the telephony call fails.

35.   The system of claim 20, wherein when initiating a telephony call, the call

processor is configured to:

determine whether the telephony call reaches the receiving party, and

initiate a second telephony call to an alternate telephone number if the telephony call fails

to reach the receiving party.

36.   The system of claim 20, wherein when delivering the message, the call processor

is configured to:

authenticate the receiving party based on at least one of a user identifier, a personal

identification number, and a password, and

transmit the message in the audible format to the receiving party after successful

authentication of the receiving party.

37.   A computer-readable medium that stores instructions executable by at least one computer to perform a method for presenting a message to a receiving party, comprising:

instructions for obtaining a message intended for the receiving party;

instructions for obtaining a user profile that describes at least one criterion indicating when messages should be delivered to the receiving party;

instructions for initiating a telephony call to the receiving party when the at least one criterion in the user profile indicates that the message should be delivered to the receiving party; and

instructions for presenting the message to the receiving party during the telephony call.

38.   The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the instructions for obtaining a message includes:

instructions for interacting with a message server to obtain the message.

39.   The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the instructions for obtaining a user profile includes:

instructions for interacting with the receiving party to generate the user profile.

40.   The computer-readable medium of claim 37, further comprising:

instructions for converting the message from a source format to an audible format.

41. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the instructions for converting the message includes:

instructions for translating the message from the source format to a text format, and

instructions for translating the message from the text format to the audible format.

42. A method for providing enhanced message services, comprising:

interacting with a user to generate a user profile that identifies at least one message criterion that indicates when messages should be delivered to the user;

monitoring a message server for arrival of new messages intended for the user;

processing the new messages, including:

determining whether the new messages should be delivered to the user based on the user profile, and

converting the new messages into audible messages when the new messages should be delivered to the user; and

delivering the audible messages to the user, including:

initiating a telephony call to the user, and

presenting the audible messages to the user during the telephony call.
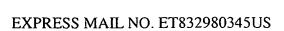
43. The method of claim 42, wherein the interacting with a user includes:

receiving user identification and password data from the user, and

validating the user identification and password data with the message server.

44.   The method of claim 43, wherein the validating the user identification and

password data includes:

attempting to logon to the message server using the user identification and password data,

and

determining whether the logon is successful.

45.   The method of claim 42, wherein the at least one message criterion includes at

least one of a message source, a message type, a message priority, and a message content.

46.   The method of claim 42, wherein the monitoring a message server includes:

periodically checking the message server for new messages.

47.   The method of claim 42, wherein the monitoring a message server includes:

receiving a notification from the message server whenever a new message arrives.

48.   An automated method for delivering a message to a receiving party, comprising:

receiving a message intended for the receiving party;

converting the message to an audible message;

initiating a telephony call to a telephony device associated with the receiving party; and

delivering the audible message to the receiving party during the telephony call.

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49.   The method of claim 48, wherein the telephony device includes one of a wireline and wireless communication device.